



The BRB Doesn't Live Here Anymore

by Craig Stutzky

In the beginning there was just an idea. The idea was that mountain bikers in Michigan should have their own newsletter so they would know what the heck was going on. It could have articles that were serious or funny, calendar of events, race results, pictures, cartoons, and whatever else seemed like a good idea at the time. It sounded so simple then, back at Pando II when I first came up with the idea for the BRB (which was named later by Mr. "I- don't- want- to- get- involved- but- I've- got- all- these- great- ideas- Pruett"). And look what it has grown into! I had no idea what I was getting myself into at the time. How was I to know that this rag would become an all-consuming passion; taking weeks on end to painfully pull together all the stuff that makes the final result you get in your mailbox look so complete, and so easy?

During this whole time Bonnie Alsum has been quietly working with me every step of the way, the often unseen and unnoticed Co-Editor without whose help there wouldn't have been a single BRB! Now the B.R.B. will reside at her address in Grand Rapids. As of this issue, I am no longer on the BRB staff and my contributions will only be as an occasional helper and freelance writer.

There are many reasons I felt I could no longer work full-time at the BRB, but basically it boils down to a matter of priorities. Those of you who know me well, know that I've made a serious commitment to helping the homeless and it has progressively taken more of my energy. Because of this and other activities I'm involved in besides the BRB, and it was becoming apparent that some very important parts of my life

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Sleeping Bear Mt. Bike Classic



Text by: Mary Dyhouse & Bonnie Alsum
Photos by: Mary Dyhouse

Sleeping Bear Classic hosted annually at The Homestead resort near Glen Arbor, the seasons last big race, is an old friend to Michigan's mountain bikers. "Everyone goes to the Homestead." I heard one rider say, "It's great to see the guys you haven't raced with since spring and compare seasons." That's just what the Homestead is, coming home to a familiar race with old friends.

The first event of the beautiful weekend was the time trials which started at the north end of the village on the base of a ski hill. The new and improved course featured a tricky uphill start, last year's plywood jump, a warp speed downhill, and LOTS of sand.

A new event, the Dual Downhill Slalom was a Pro's only exhibition this year. Two racers went head to head

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BRB Editorial

Keep the Bugle Blow'in !

by B. Alsum

"It's about time!" you snarl (in a tone reserved for tax returns and the person who's been in the bathroom for the last hour when your back teeth are floating) as you tug this issue out of the mailbox. Well friend, walk in my shoes during the production of one newsletter and we'll talk.

I've reluctantly accepted the challenge of becoming full editor on one condition: This baby better darn well become self supporting! Aside from the expenses I've personally absorbed; it's going to be difficult to convince contributors/volunteers to continue absorbing costs like: phone bills, gas, and materials, on top of their time and services. As much as I love mountain biking, a second mortgage on the house is out!

The B.R.B. started small. Craig and I zeroxed the first copy on the sly at our respective full-time jobs hoping they wouldn't notice. Our grass-roots advertiser supported newsletter has grown in size and popularity since then, forcing us to spend more on each issue. Quite frankly, the only way to prevent the Bugle from becoming a cover-to-cover advertising flyer (with ad rates even Donald Trump would complain about) is to ask for a show of financial support from each of you.

"Someone's probably going to make a tidy sum of money from this!" you speculate as you pull out the pocket calculator multiplying rate by circulation. WRONG! The Bent Rim Bugle will continue to be a nonprofit newsletter with an UNPAID contributors and volunteers as staff. Surplus funds (if any) will go to support mountain bike events in Michigan.

Remember... this is your newsletter! Get involved, don't count on one or two people to cover everything that's happening in the Michigan area! Send in your information, news, photo's, articles, or volunteer to help out in some other way. All items will be returned on request as soon as possible.

The Bottom Line: In order to renew the B.R.B. bulk rate mailing permit for another year, at least 200 individuals must reply with contributions by January 1, 1989. If you choose not to support the B.R.B., it will not be sent to you.

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2. Up-to-date event calendar.
3. Race results.
4. Photo's, news, commentary, and the usual irreverent look at Michigan area mountain biking.
5. Guaranteed delivery of 3 issues in 1989; one by the end of May, middle of August, and end of Oct.
6. And if enough bike shops support it; a spring Michigan mountain bike buyers guide.
7. Last but not least, a somewhat organized center for area mountain biking information and contacts.

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on parallel runs in elimination races, weaving between gates to determine the winner. Spectators below the finish line were treated to an impressive show of "quick stop" techniques.

On Saturday afternoon the smoothly run Observed Trials under the direction of Dale Young were geared more toward the average rider this year. Most of the sections featured log piles and tight turns requiring a good grasp of bike handling skills. Additional space between sections in the woods at the base of the ski hill near the chair lifts eased congestion for spectators and riders. "The organization of each trial and the knowledge of personal judging them was commendable," stated one participant.

As the Observed Trials were winding down, the Hill Climb competition was heating up. Three classes, Juniors and Adults (using traditional style pedaling), Freestyle (any technique) were open to any registered rider. Each attempt cost the rider a dollar contribution to the bucket, winner take all.

Sunday morning while last minute mass start registration was in progress, the top Observed Trials winners from the day before entertained spectators on three extra hard sections in the Elite Trials competition.

The Mass Start Race, identical to last year, is 100 percent rideable and driveable (by car). This makes it a unique high speed course.

The winding of the pace vehicle dropped the riders off at the bottom of "big sandy" to start the race. The course was pleasantly watered down by recent rain and thus faster. The narrow gravel roads that made up the seven mile circuit course include stretches of soft sand, graded climbs, wide sweeping corners, downhill stretches with lots of stutter bumps and a finish line with a panoramic view.



(Brent Walk "logging" through the Observed Trials.)



(Bill Dyhouse hammers off the Time Trials starting ramp.)

The NORBA sponsorship of this years race produced some surprising results. Few Expert riders raced their class while the Sport Class was packed. A bit of controversy also arose as a U.S.C.F. Class II road racer won the Sport Division under an assumed name. (Under NORBA rules, Class II must race Pro in Mountain Bike competition.) Next year cross racing will hopefully be more strictly monitored in all mountain bike race events in fairness to all!

Sleeping Bear Mountain Bike Classic

Date.....Sept. 24 & 25, 1988

Place.....The Homestead Resort
Glen Arbor, MI.

Race Directors:

Trials Director - Ed Parker
Trials Technical Advisor - Dale Young
Course Directors - Tim Brick &
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Technical Director - Tom Hillard
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Racing in the Heartland

by Mary Dyhouse

Canal Fulton, Ohio. Deep in the farm country of Ohio is a mountain bike race for riders of great heart and strength. Canal Fulton's course is a short, steep, rocky, single track. Sections of it are made of rutted 4 wheel drive trails and motocross hair scramble track. Lots of climbing and skill are required. Monthly races are held in the summer and attract many local riders that also race the Davis W. Virginia National.

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(Editor: To the couple who talked to me at the Sleeping Bear Classic about custom designing bike cloths, please contact the BRB. There is a VERY strong local demand for your services!!)

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were slipping thru the cracks...things like spending time with my wife (you can take down the picture of me off the fridge now, Katie, I should be home enough that you'll recognize me now), my friends, and my family. Maybe I'll even take up riding my mountain bike again, who knows? And last but not least, I will be a little less likely to get myself fired at work.

I really appreciate all the wonderful support from everyone during the first year of the BRB. If there's one thing the BRB taught me, it's that a few people who care a lot CAN make something good happen. I have faith that Bonnie will keep the newsletter alive and I'm counting on all you folks who think the BRB is such a great idea to help her out.

The Michigan Mountain Bike Association was another great idea, but it had never fully gotten off the ground. I feel it is a very necessary to the successful growth of mountain biking in Michigan and it is my sincere hope that one of the very talented and dedicated people out there will tackle this idea and bring it into existence. The B.R.B staff is willing to help out with simple things like mailing lists and contact people. The energy is there...we just need the leaders.

Two final words. One: working with mountain biking folks has been one of the best experiences of my life! And Two: Practically every good idea we incorporated in the BRB started with a Steve Pruett brainstorm.

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Pando Mountain Bike Challenge III: Shake, Rattle & Roll

Text & Photos by Craig Stutzky

Sunday, June 26 began cool and cloudy with the threat of rain. Soon, though, things cleared up for a warm and sunny day of mountain bike racing. The morning began with the Observed Trials event. There was a total of eight trials sections, two of which were reserved for the Expert Class. Taking first for the Experts was Dale Young with score of 23. Frank Marciniak handily won the Novice Class with 12 points, while Mark McLaren topped the Beginners with 34 points.

The cross country event was held in the afternoon in two separate races. The first race, running 2 laps, included the Beginners (Men and Women), 17 & under, Masters, and Single Speed.

The 3.8 mile lap course began with a rolling start down a gravel road to the lodge. At the lodge the race began by heading straight up the side of a large ski hill. Throughout the course the trail led in and out of woods and fields, making full use of the ski hills along the way. From the Start/Finish area in front of the main lodge, spectators could easily view the racers at several points on the course.



In addition to the bumpy expanded course, this time there was an added attraction: dust. The drought of '88 added a twist to mountain bike racing by insuring that several parts of the Pando course turned into giant dust clouds as the pack rode through them. In the open fields, the course offered a different challenge. Although a narrow strip a foot wide was well packed down in the fields, passing meant pulling out into the short, but rough vegetation, an experience that felt distinctly like riding in quicksand.

The real adrenalin rush came near the end of the lap, where the course ran partway across and down a ski hill ...allowing you to approach terminal velocity ...then it turned sharply right with more down hill following. At the bottom of this hill the course looped slightly up another hill and ran back in front of the lodge where riders started all over again going up the first ski hill.



In the first race, Lisa Leon won the Beginners Women with a time of 37:32. Beginners Men was a hotly contested race, won by Bill Schneider with a time of 31:03, just 12 seconds in front of Scott Miller. The real story of the first race, comes from Kevin Nowak. Riding a single speed bike for Team Sling Shot, Kevin not only took first in his class, but also beat every single rider across the finish line with an amazing 28:32. The 17 & Under Class won by Steve Rybak, while the "Master of Masters", Tom Nell of Tom Nell Bicycles, continued his reign riding a great time of 32:29.

The second race included Advanced Women and Vets (3 laps), Novice Men (4 laps), and Expert & Pros (6 laps). Lynette Barchek, riding for Team Raleigh and flown in from her native state of Washington, won the Advanced Women with 50:50. In Vets, there was tight finish with Mike Chard taking 2nd only 9 seconds behind 1st place Reinhold Cordella at 47:45. The Novice Men's class, sporting as many racers that day as showed up at the entire Pando I event a year ago, was won by Jim Potter, International Bike Shop, with a time of 59:37. Stein Slette, a hot, new up-and-coming racer took second with 1:00:29.

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Pando Mountain Bike Challenge III

Date.....Sunday, June 26, 1988

Place.....Pando Ski Area
8076 Belding Road
Belding, MI.

Race Organizers...Walkway Promotions
(Brent & Sue Walk)

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Note: Also check out the December 1988 issue of Mountain Bike Action for Pando race results and Pictures!

YES!! There will be a Pando IV!!!

The Hot Set-Up



by Steve Pruett

(Photo by Katie Eickenroth)

Doing this issues hot setup was a real treat. I actually got to ride the subject of my column this time and couldn't stop grinning afterwards. Riding this home grown mountain bike tandem (albeit on pavement) was so much fun I started worrying about being arrested. Of course I shouldn't mention, (but I will) how much I enjoyed hearing the gaps of fear coming from my stoker (Craig Stutzky) every time we flew through a tight corner on this beauty.

Erik Jensens red (Erik says it's red, not pink) tandem started life a couple of years ago as a pair of slightly damaged Schwinn Sierra's and a load bar from a cartop rack. I won't give you an account of how these two bikes became one but I will say from the description given me, it wasn't pretty. Suffice to say with a lot of luck and some fancy welding, Erik ended up with one heck of a fine tandem frame.

Then came the tough part. Component selection. It took two years of trial and error to arrive at this point but Erik isn't satisfied yet. He's still looking for ways to make his two seater lighter, stronger, and smoother. At the moment, this is how it stands. The captain's seat tube length is 22 inches, the stoker's is one inch shorter. The handle bars are Tioga front and rear. The controls are Suntour XC brake levers and Shimano Deore XT shifters. The Captains stem is a 135 millimeter,

Salsa Pro Moto. The Stoker has to settle for a mere specialized clamp-on model. The seats are a Specialized in front and Vetta gel MTB rear perched on S.R. seat posts. The Cranksets and pedals were a hodge-podge of Shimano and S.R. parts at the time of the photograph but may have been changed by now.

Erik went for optimum lightness and simplicity on the brakes. He runs Shimano Deore XT cantilevers front and rear. These pack lots of pucker into a small package when dialed in the way Erik has them.

The derailleurs were an easy choice. Shimano Deore XT front and rear shifting the chain over a 13 to 32 Shimano 600 EX freewheel. Somewhere amidst the chainrings reside. A 28 tooth granny for the what goes up, a 52 tooth outer for what goes down, and a 43 tooth for everything in between.

The front hub is a specialized and the rear a Suntour. Why? I don't know, I was too busy enjoying the ride to ask. The rims are ultra strong 36 spoke Sataurae X28s and haven't shown any inclination towards going bio pace yet.

One last item of note are the forks. Erik told me they are from an old Diamond Back and were chosen for strength rather than light weight.

Well that's it in a nut shell. It's amazing what you can do with some spare parts and a little ingenuity. Now lets see. I think I know where I can latch on to a couple of old Ross Mt. Hoods and Gordie doesn't use his cartop rack much anymore....

MICHIGAN T R A I L ATLAS

by Dennis R. Hansen

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Addison Oaks - The First Time

by Dwain Abramowski

There are first times in mountain biking, like one's first mountain bike race. Mine was Addison Oaks. Also it was Addison Oaks first mountain bike race. And what a first time it was...

"Ladies and gentlemen, we'd like to welcome you here to Addison Oaks for our race today, and also remind you that we have made the west side of our park (as is indicated on the park map) a mountain biking area. We hope you'll enjoy today's race and we look forward to seeing you in our park in the future."

"You mean they want us here?" I mumbled to myself in a surprised tone.



(Congratulations Kelly Dermody! 1st place winner in Observed Trials at Addison Oaks and Sleeping Bear. Photo by Dwain Abramowski.)

I thought I was dreaming as I stood at the pre-race meeting. But after pinching myself and enlisting a variety of coherent responses from fellow riders, I convinced myself I was not in fantasy land. I truly was getting ready for my first race, at this park's first race and being "welcomed" to enjoy the park anytime I wanted to.

The course started/finished in a large softball-soccer field, seemingly untouched by the intense drought of the past summer. The large start area quickly channeled down into a freshly cut two track

road that bounce and shook you into a short but dusty sand pit. Once out, you headed across a field, over the paved entrance road and up the first up hill.

The Dan Ryan at five o'clock - every one was walking, pushing, pulling and carrying their bikes up the narrow steep hill. Then the course headed right back down the hill to where it made a horseshoe turn and went back up again. It was still steep but not quite as long.

The course continued over gentle rolling terrain, in and out of corn and hay fields, with a few tight turns and short but steep gravelly grades to keep one honest. After reaching the farthest point away from the start, there were two quick steep sections of downhills that got you turned around and heading back. The bottom of the second shot was rutted, full of chatter bumps and had a stony, boulder filled, sharp right-hand turn. By the second lap there were enough water-bottles and unsecured biking gear at the bottom of this treacherous turn to make one wonder if there might not be a rider or two buried underneath it all. No time to stop and look though, Mount Baldy (as a few of us referred to it) was coming up.

The entrance to "Mount Baldy" was at the top and went straight down. I had to ride the brakes all the way in order to make the hairpin, or horseshoe, or suicide slide, or whatever you would like to call it at the bottom and then right back up again. There was enough moaning, groaning and grunting going on up this hill one might have thought everyone was remembering a Detroit Lions game. And just when you thought you were at the top, there was another roll to overcome. Then down a couple of big swoopers and rollers to a left turn into the woods.

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(Photo by Dwain Abramowski.)

Addison Oaks Race Results

BEGINNER MEN - 2 Laps (9.9 Miles)

1. Matthew San Zorbin	37:39.7
2. Bill Ward	38:14.1
3. Greg Frozley	38:50.2
4. Robert Barski	40:19.0
5. Terry Newton Jr.	40:32.3
6. Clark McCall	40:37.6
7. David Dillingham	40:54.4
8. Michael Schmidt	40:57.8
9. Mark McLaren	41:35.3
10. Todd Ulrich	41:55.6
11. Steven Carlson	42:02.0
12. Bill Dietlin	42:03.4
13. Rodney Hicks	42:06.2
14. Kurt Stauffer	42:06.7
15. Ted Gondert	42:08.6
16. James Janik	42:23.9
17. Glenn O'Connor	42:25.1
18. Mark Waller	42:34.7
19. Ron Lindsey	42:54.0
20. Paul Stoll	43:02.6
21. Matthew Rich	43:16.3
22. Chris Sementowski	43:27.9
23. Jeff McGee	43:38.0
24. Steven Audas	43:39.5
25. Alan Henry	43:40.4
26. Rick Cates	43:58.0
27. Joe Janik	43:58.0
28. Paul Horchler	44:08.4
29. Bryon Smith	44:23.2
30. William VanCollie	44:33.6
31. Jim Mainquist	44:37.4
32. Kern Serota	44:53.3
33. Larry Timm	45:00.8
34. Pat Llewellyn	45:03.2
35. Dean Ferrari	45:09.3
36. Kevin Suboski	45:10.2
37. Jim Brown	45:17.9
38. John Redner	45:19.8
39. Craig Fuller	45:48.9
40. Ron Russ	45:53.9
41. Steven Wester	46:03.9
42. Paul Newton	46:04.3
43. David Kasper	46:27.6
44. Brendan Brosnan	46:34.4
45. Gary Erwin	46:37.3
46. Robert Sutika	47:05.9
47. Steve Chaffel	47:08.8
48. Jeff Komiskey	47:19.9
49. Todd Bell	47:50.3
50. Russel Paye II	47:50.9
51. Eric Schick	47:51.6
52. Paul Kasper	47:58.4
53. Andrew Pittsley	47:59.3
54. Kris Berlin	48:14.0
55. Steve Walker	48:14.4
56. Dan Mouthaan	48:15.6
57. Mark Tessier	48:27.1
58. David Marshall	48:49.1
59. Joren Carlson	48:55.3
60. Greg McGill	49:11.1
61. Wesley Watt	49:14.1
62. Mark Moeller	49:16.1
63. David Slazinski	49:30.3
64. Gary Strzycki	49:35.3
65. Richard Cyrul	49:36.6
66. Charlie Rasmer	50:01.4
67. Sam Coor	50:40.2
68. Karl Rossman	50:50.7
69. David Robertson	50:51.5
70. Jeff Borja	50:59.7
71. Karl Fiertag	51:47.0
72. Dwain Abramowski	52:28.9
73. Kit Edgeworth	53:07.0
74. Dave Wehrwein	53:24.5

Beginner Men Continued

75. Parker Johnson	53:47.3
76. Charles Sallette	53:49.5
77. James Currie	53:53.1
78. Andreas Neumann	55:11.2
79. Carl Maldonado	55:26.1
80. Tim Pratter	55:39.5
81. Daryl St.Amo	55:44.6
82. Robert Walker	57:09.1
83. Phil Hansen	57:38.8
84. Robert Kersten	57:38.8
85. Mark Carter	58:01.0
86. Robert Reader	1:00:57.6
87. Keith Small	1:06:47.1
88. Roland Belz	1:12:17.4
89. Joe Gendich	1:12:17.4

BEGINNER WOMEN - 2 LAPS

1. Heather Prince	49:37.2
2. Marji Super	49:37.7
3. Pamela Davidson	49:41.4
4. Julie Stachecki	49:42.4
5. Amy Dedafoe	51:46.6
6. Marissa Coor	55:31.1
7. Debbie Nichols	57:26.6
8. Sharon Watt	57:57.4
9. Deb Oswald	58:42.4
10. Ruth Pfister	1:14:02.4
11. Annette Cocricchio	1:26:34.4

17 and UNDER - 2 LAPS

1. Steve Rybak	38:58.1
2. Alex Proud Foot	39:09.6
3. Albert Rybak	40:34.4
4. John Root	42:37.8
5. Bob Lawson	42:52.7
6. Danny Motowski	44:20.0
7. Chris Tuttle	44:30.4
8. Mark Martin	45:47.5
9. Jeff Smith	46:02.9
10. Dino Paglie	47:04.2
11. Karl Emmerich	47:14.7
12. Matt McCormick	49:18.9
13. Edward Holmes	49:23.0
14. Mike Frazier	49:35.7
15. Rick Lowman	50:22.0
16. Martin Hahn	50:47.4
17. Bill Tuer	51:08.3
18. Tom Gendich	51:23.9
19. Andy Crosby	53:19.4
20. Grant Loutit	1:09:27.4

SINGLE SPEED - 2 LAPS

1. Mike Gendich	1:11:59.4
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VETERANS - 2 LAPS

1. Reinhold Cordella	42:10.9
2. Charles Robertson	42:13.0
3. Don Balkwell	42:41.2
4. Greg Krist	42:44.0
5. Mike Motowski	42:11.9
6. Rob Lutz	42:41.6
7. Thierry Werderwitts	44:03.5
8. Don Stange	44:36.3
9. Chris Davidson	44:38.3
10. William Blonsky	44:38.7
11. Lyle Mutter	45:25.2
12. Chuck Lester	46:02.5
13. John Lepke	46:33.4
14. Dwane Gerber	46:52.6
15. Gary Wollerman	48:24.8
16. Don Gates	48:44.9

Veterans continued

17. Bruce Kezlarian	49:35.6
18. Frank Emmerich	50:00.9
19. Bill Smith	51:36.8
20. Robert Teregen	52:18.9
21. Rick Howard	52:23.6
22. Peter Manti	52:41.2
23. Kevin Dale	55:10.2
24. Jay Pritchard	59:05.3
25. Mark Phillips	1:06:59.4

MASTERS - 2 LAPS

1. Tim Guening	42:04.4
2. Terry Newton	43:01.1
3. Tom Nelson	43:42.1
4. Dave Pettigrove	44:31.4
5. Denny Vandecar	47:09.4
6. Bud Pell	47:35.1
7. Charles Hartwick	51:42.4
8. Ken Osburn	1:05:01.8

NOVICE WOMEN - 3 LAPS

1. Sally Schroeter	1:07:50.0
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NOVICE MEN - 3 LAPS

1. Craig Gietzen	55:14.6
2. Wendell Woodruff	57:14.6
3. David Hollis	57:14.6
4. Chris Cyrul	57:55.5
5. Joel Bunting	58:10.7
6. Dave Tessier	58:11.7
7. Mark Perlick	59:23.6
8. Robert Bergen	1:00:15.1
9. Don German	1:00:46.8
10. John Stoneburner	1:01:09.5
11. Bob Crooks	1:01:56.1
12. Don Klein	1:02:34.3
13. Mark Cramer	1:02:35.3
14. David Vandecar	1:02:41.3
15. Michael Teel	1:02:52.3
16. David Svobada	1:03:14.7
17. Donald Hunt	1:03:19.2
18. Robert Stephanoff	1:03:31.1
19. Tom Nell	1:04:11.3
20. Ron Watzke	1:04:18.2
21. Chris Bunting	1:04:32.5
22. Sean Carey	1:04:36.8
23. Jeff Voorhis	1:04:48.7
24. Todd Johanson	1:06:15.5
25. Frank Marciniak	1:06:16.4
26. Mark Smith	1:06:52.3
27. Scott McLaren	1:06:55.0
28. Jaime Klonhaus	1:07:06.7
29. Rick Morris	1:07:06.7
30. Gary Velazquez	1:07:11.2
31. Doug Ward	1:07:17.2
32. Jeff Gumina	1:07:23.8
33. Gerald Kaczor	1:07:24.8
34. David Johnston	1:07:28.3
35. Franz Domurath	1:07:49.5
36. Matt Jennings	1:08:16.4
37. Scott Baker	1:08:19.8
38. Doug German	1:08:29.2
39. Greg Weber	1:08:35.4
40. John Roe	1:08:48.5
41. Doug Nelson	1:09:15.6
42. Mike Frailey	1:09:52.8
43. Mark Nobilette	1:10:06.5
44. Phillip Huyghe	1:10:56.5

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Once in the woods it was afterburner time, with "S" turns and winders all begging to be cranked on. At mach 5 or 6, one hardly noticed the hay bails strategically placed to make sure if anyone's afterburners blew out they wouldn't get too badly burned themselves. Then a few more short climbs and another short downhill, across a grass field past the mill pond, then over the entrance road again and back out the ball field.

The second lap took you across the ball field (cutting off the two-track through the sand pit) and right back up the first hill. The total 2 lap beginners class race course length was about 9 miles, (3 and 4 laps for novice and expert/pro respectively).

I have yet to reach a "first place" or a place in the top twenty for that matter, and considering my age (let's just say "thirty something") that "first" is not likely to happen, even in the master's class. However, there is one thing I learned the "first" day I hit the trails, you don't have to place "first" to have a "first class" mountain biking experience. See you on the trails!

Addison Oaks Mountain Bike Fall Classic & Trials

Date.....Sunday, Sept. 11, 1988
Place.....Addison Oaks County Park
Oxford, MI.
Race Director...Rick Kaupp
Trials Master...Dale Young
Sponsored by....Tom Nell Bicycles
Sterling Schwinn Cyclery

(Race Organizers message: We hope you enjoyed your race and visit to Addison Oaks County Park. Please join us at our parks around the year. Next year we have TWO races planned, for May and September. If you have any comments about the race, please feel free to contact us: Oakland County Parks & Recreation Commission, 2800 Watkins Lk. Rd., Pontiac, MI. 48054)

God's Country Fat Tire Challenge

(Compiled from the Coulee Climbers Press Release)

Bluebird Springs Recreation Area, in La Crosse, Wisconsin hosted the fifth annual N.O.R.B.A. sanctioned event on August 27 & 28, 1988. Two new events were added to the "God's Country" weekend, a charity fundraiser fun ride along the Mississippi River and a Dual Slalom race.

Saturday morning featured the Observed Trials. A nighttime and intermittent morning rain turned the soil into an unbelievably slippery mud and caused a last minute change in the design of the sections. One steep hillside section was removed and all classes were required to ride the same sections instead of each class having their own. Despite the truly challenging conditions facing the participants, Michael Seaman from Mt. Pleasant, MI. riding for Foltz's Bike Shop became the Midwest Observed Trials Champion with only 10 dabs.

Saturday afternoon welcomed the emergence of the sun to dry the course. The Dual Slalom featured two racers at a time, racing downhill on parallel courses which were very steep at the top requiring a high degree of bike handling and timing before shallowing out midway and then calling on the racers power as well as skill. The course was marked with break away poles, the same as found in the downhill ski version, and offered some interesting technique options. All riders rode each course once and times from both runs were combined to eliminate the possibility of one lane being slightly faster. Curt Bales won the Dual Slalom Championship.

Sunday featured a circuit race of a "clover leaf" design with a 5.5 mile loop. There were several anaerobically steep climbs to the top of the "bluffs" surrounding the event site with accompanying descents being in the "rad" category with high speeds, rocks and well rutted trails. The balance of the course offered rolling shorties through the woods, creek crossings and precious few flats for catching the breath. The ProAms and Experts started the day out with four laps of the course. Mike Anderson from Eagan, MN. riding for Miyata became the Midwest Champion with the fastest race time. Dale Niggeman won the ProAm class and Dru Bittner won Expert.

Next up was the Sport and Veteran/Sport class race doing 3 laps of the course. Walter J. Huemme won the Men's Sport class, Leslie Jacobs won the Women's Sport class, and Howard Shearer won the veteran sport class.

The Beginner, First Time, Veteran Beginner, and Master Category race all doing one lap of the course was the final race of the day. Ryan Elsbernd won the Beginner class, Richard Pascoe won the First Time class, Larry Lebiecki won Veteran Beginner/Master Class.

The final awards of the day combined the times from Observed Trials (five secs. per dab), Dual Slalom and Circuit Race. The object of this award is reward the rider with the best balance of mountain bike skills. Dale Niggeman was the overall Champion.

The weekend was brought to a close with cooled brew provided by Miller Lite. Many stories about the weekend were swapped at the party as well as plans for the other upcoming Midwest Mountain Bike events.

Sleeping Bear Classic Race Results

Mass Start Race Results

Pro/Am, Men (5 of 5)

1	Kunselman, Casey	1:40:06.6
2	Thomasberg, Paul	1:41:28.0
3	Minka, Martin	1:48:15.6
4	Packman, Daniel	1:50:48.9
5	Noble, Ken	1:54:52.5

Expert, Men (5 of 16)

1	Diment, Scott	1:43:27.4
2	Dybowski, Ray	1:47:10.6
3	Dickerson, Randy	1:50:25.0
4	Fedrigon, Jr., Donald	1:52:10.3
5	Flynn, Tim	1:52:41.3

Sport, Men (105 of 190)

1	Meyers, Brian	:54:55.5
2	Woodruff, Wendall	:57:14.0
3	Bergren, Robert	:57:15.2
4	Buday, Mark	:58:16.5
5	Ray, Michael	:58:32.2
6	Perlick, Mark	:58:35.0
7	Sanzobrin, Mathew	:58:45.4
8	Carleten, Frank	:58:47.8
9	Greene, Brian	:58:52.0
10	Hollis, David	:58:54.3
11	Rauth, Glen	:59:01.5
12	Elderkin, Gregory	:59:05.1
13	Daly, Matthew	:59:28.4
14	Dyhouse, Bill	:59:29.4
15	Slette, Stein	:59:49.7
16	Crooks, Bob	:59:51.9
17	Breazeale, Joel	1:00:15.8
18	Solininen, Henry	1:00:49.3
19	Haslock, Chris	1:00:54.4
20	Stoneburner, John	1:00:59.8
21	Cramer, Mark	1:01:01.4
22	Dermoddy, Kelly	1:01:01.9
23	Ottimer, John	1:01:07.6
24	Schouman, William	1:01:08.7
25	Collins, Brian	1:01:09.0
26	Coppens, Michael	1:01:09.4
27	Morgan, Mark	1:01:09.8
28	German, Donald	1:01:10.7
29	Pikaart, Tim	1:01:32.6
30	Stephanoff, Robert	1:01:34.7
31	Rice, Andrew	1:01:43.5
32	Bunting, Joel	1:01:47.8
33	Jolliffe, Greg	1:02:01.4
34	Vandercar, David	1:02:03.1
35	Dillingham, Dave	1:02:16.2
36	Pukal, Jeff	1:02:21.3
37	Wiser, Mark	1:02:45.7
38	Heise, James	1:02:46.3
39	Davidson, Eril	1:02:52.8
40	Voorhis, Jeff	1:02:53.3
41	Johnston, David	1:03:05.3
42	Yatzke, Ron	1:03:16.0
43	Frozley, Greg	1:03:24.9
44	Walters, James	1:03:31.0
45	Gietzan, Craig	1:03:33.5

Sport, Men continued...

46	Tyler, Jim	1:03:42.9
47	Coates, Donald	1:03:43.6
48	Daly, James	1:03:45.4
49	Lambrech, Thomas	1:03:47.2
50	Rice, Jereld	1:03:55.8
51	Akers, Robert	1:04:06.7
52	Putalik, Greg	1:04:08.5
53	Younts, Mark	1:04:12.6
54	Stauffer, Kurt	1:04:16.9
55	Zacker, David	1:04:18.4
56	Wilbur, Scott	1:04:29.1
57	Walquist, Brian	1:04:37.2
58	Galmore, Terry	1:04:45.1
59	Fischer, Bill	1:04:46.6
60	Walworth, Gary	1:05:44.8
61	Westphal, Stephen	1:06:00.7
62	Velazquez, Gary	1:06:24.5
63	German, Doug	1:06:25.0
64	Lynch, Steve	1:06:25.2
65	Reid, Martin	1:06:47.3
66	Miller, G.	1:07:08.9
67	Zeitl, Mark	1:07:11.3
68	Weber, Gregory	1:07:11.8
69	Vajda, Matthew	1:07:16.6
70	Johnson, Todd	1:07:18.3
71	Janik, James	1:07:24.8
72	Eickenroth, Pat	1:07:42.9
73	Marciniak III, Frank	1:07:54.1
74	Bouwens, John	1:07:57.7
75	Topf, Joel	1:08:15.4
76	Neiswonger, Edward	1:08:36.7
77	Lawson, Bob	1:08:57.5
78	Russell, Chris	1:08:58.0
79	Wester, Steven	1:09:10.6
80	Janik, Joseph	1:09:13.3
81	Mitchell, Kevin	1:09:22.4
82	Kanaby, L.	1:09:34.9
83	Schmidt, John	1:09:43.4
84	Ward, Douglas	1:09:45.2
85	Smith, Mark	1:09:52.2
86	Lindsey, Ron	1:10:10.2
87	Dezeeuw, Paul	1:10:10.9
88	Goericke, Bill	1:10:13.3
89	Smith, Randy	1:10:14.1
90	Seymour, Chris	1:10:19.9
91	Kent, Kevin	1:10:21.1
92	Hahn, Bill	1:10:29.8
93	Armstrong, Doug	1:10:42.3
94	Prvett, Steve	1:10:54.0
95	Ransom, Scott	1:10:54.3
96	Bellisario, Frank	1:10:54.7
97	Gallagher, John	1:11:09.5
98	Jygha, Mika	1:11:17.2
99	Hammond, Steve	1:11:18.0
100	Carey, Sean	1:11:29.5
101	Flanagan, Donal	1:11:50.3
102	Kincaid, Charles	1:11:52.2
103	Hunter, Brian	1:11:54.7
104	Morris, Rick	1:12:38.2
105	Chase, John	1:12:41.3

Verterans, Men (10 of 47)

1	Reid, Ed	:54:12.6
2	Onthank, Timothy	:56:51.2
3	Hammett, Steve	:59:45.9
4	Wildman, Eric	1:01:14.3
5	Dengel, Reni	1:02:02.2
6	Chard, Michael	1:04:46.0
7	Balkwell, Donald	1:05:21.8
8	Robertson, Charles	1:06:11.2
9	Krist, Gregory	1:06:13.2
10	Panetta, Boots	1:06:18.4

Masters, Men (5 of 7)

1	Greening, Tim	1:01:41.9
2	Nell, Thomas	1:07:06.4
3	Vandecar, Dennis	1:17:31.5
4	Barkman, Russ	1:18:36.0
5	Hartwick, Charles	1:22:43.0

Grand Masters, Men (5 of 5)

1	Pell, Bud	1:19:33.2
2	Lombard, George	1:20:45.4
3	Rutherford, Robert	1:22:59.0
4	Fedrigon, Sr., Donald	1:25:31.2
5	Sorenson, Milt	1:51:22.6

Sport, Women (18 of 18)

1	Charameda, Laura	1:05:50.5
2	Kraphol, Kaye	1:05:59.4
3	Schroeter, Sally	1:10:33.5
4	Shaw, Deborah	1:19:24.9
5	Prince, Heather	1:21:25.8
6	Saam, Cheryl	1:22:46.4
7	Dykema, Amy	1:22:48.7
8	Bellisario, Dina	1:23:58.5
9	Stachecki, Julie	1:24:36.4
10	Upthegrove, Janet	1:25:00.4
11	Sanders, Amy	1:25:44.4
12	Zeeb, Winalee	1:26:29.4
13	Dorvinen, Cheryl	1:28:31.7
14	Otwell, Laura	1:29:22.2
15	Lammers, Patricia	1:30:12.3
16	Hawthorne, Cheryl	1:38:55.5
17	Maisel, Tami	1:39:03.9
18	Higgins, Linda	1:49:21.1

Veterans, Women (4 of 4)

1	Eschbach-Dengel, Mary	1:07:29.3
2	Watt, Sharon	1:32:58.1
3	Radant, Joan	1:41:43.9
4	Pearson, Mary	1:55:12.6

Pro/Am, Women (2 of 2)

1	Muhich, Lisa	1:58:39.9
2	Barchek, Lynette	2:04:48.5

. . . More Sleeping Bear Race Results

Time Trial Race Results

Pro/Am, Men (5 of 9)

1	Kunselman, Casey	:12:22.1
2	Jamison, Mick	:12:48.6
3	Bevier, Hal	:13:01.9
4	Noble, Ken	:13:02.5
5	Thomasberg, Paul	:13:02.7

Expert, Men (5 of 14)

1	Diment, Scott	:13:02.3
2	Dickerson, Randy	:13:10.8
3	Flynn, Tim	:13:14.0
4	Groendal, Joel	:13:45.9
5	Walk, Brent	:13:47.3

Sport, Men (85 of 92)

1	Meyers, Brian	:13:15.4
2	Carleten, Frank	:13:41.8
3	Bergren, Robert	:13:50.6
4	Dermody, Kelly	:14:01.4
5	Woodruff, Wendall	:14:08.5
6	Haslock, Chris	:14:13.6
7	Hollis, David	:14:23.4
8	Dyhouse, Bill	:14:25.1
9	Solininen, Henry	:14:31.8
10	Lane, Dennis	:14:38.3
11	Slette, Stein	:14:47.9
12	Zacker, David	:14:48.7
13	Dillingham, Dave	:14:51.8
14	Frozley, Greg	:14:52.2
15	Wiser, Mark	:14:54.0
16	Vandercar, David	:14:54.1
17	German, Donald	:15:01.5
18	Heise, James	:15:02.3
19	Elderkin, Gregory	:15:07.5
20	Coates, Donald	:15:11.3
21	Breazeale, Joel	:15:13.4
22	Stephanoff, Robert	:15:14.9
23	Akers, Robert	:15:15.8
24	Bunting, Joel	:15:16.6
25	Younts, Mark	:15:17.2
26	Stoneburner, John	:15:18.0
27	Galmore, Terry	:15:24.1
28	Yatzke, Ron	:15:25.3
29	Webster, Michael	:15:26.8
30	Teel, Michael	:15:26.8
31	Marciniak III, Frank	:15:40.3
32	Lunden, Jim	:15:51.4
33	Lawson, Bob	:15:52.0
34	Seaman, Greg	:15:57.7
35	Johnson, Todd	:15:58.4
36	Voorhis, Jeff	:16:01.7
37	Velazquez, Gary	:16:09.9
38	Vanderheyden, James	:16:13.1
39	Johnston, David	:16:14.2
40	Case, Riche	:16:16.1
41	Andres, Ray	:16:16.2

Sport, Men continued...

42	Fischer, Bill	:16:16.2
43	Janik, Joseph	:16:21.2
44	German, Doug	:16:21.6
45	Maloney, James	:16:23.3
46	Hunter, Brian	:16:27.4
47	Topf, Joel	:16:34.9
48	Walquist, Brian	:16:41.0
49	Wilbur, Scott	:16:41.0
50	Pozeznik, Roger	:16:48.5
51	Eickenroth, Pat	:16:48.7
52	Ransom, Scott	:16:53.0
53	Bouwens, John	:16:53.8
54	Gallagher, John	:17:04.4
55	Hahn, Bill	:17:07.6
56	Cassidy, Kasey	:17:10.2
57	Kincaid, Charles	:17:22.7
58	Weber, Gregory	:17:23.0
59	Kaupp, Rick	:17:25.7
60	Simcox, Eric	:17:33.7
61	Motowski, Danny	:17:37.6
62	Smith, Randy	:17:39.9
63	Kanaby, L.	:17:41.0
64	Walters, James	:17:43.3
65	Hammond, Steve	:17:45.4
66	Nelson, Doug	:17:47.3
67	Lanava, William	:17:49.3
68	Sloan, Kevin	:17:55.2
69	Finlay, Alan	:17:55.7
70	Janik, James	:17:57.7
71	Bellisario, Frank	:17:58.1
72	Prvett, Steve	:18:00.1
73	Dygert, Todd	:18:01.3
74	Mckenzie, Greg	:18:17.9
75	Calcaterra, Matt	:18:29.4
76	Armstrong, James	:18:40.3
77	Rosso, John	:18:40.7
78	Salette, Charles	:18:42.6
79	Morgridge, David	:18:47.9
80	Holmes, Edward	:18:49.2
81	Klyn, Brian	:18:51.1
82	Saam, Paul	:19:12.5
83	Vanocker, David	:19:45.9
84	Clark, Michael	:19:55.6
85	Bald, Rick	:19:56.0

Masters, Men (5 of 7)

1	Greening, Tim	:15:30.4
2	Nell, Thomas	:16:36.9
3	Vandercar, Dennis	:18:38.7
4	Pell, Bud	:19:36.9
5	Fedrigon, Sr., Donald	:22:31.3

(Due to space limitations, we could not fit the complete results in. Each class of all events have at least the top 20% listed.)

Veterans, Men (5 of 22)

1	Hammett, Steve	:13:05.9
2	Dengel, Reni	:15:53.4
3	Krist, Gregory	:16:01.2
4	Robertson, Charles	:16:12.3
5	Chard, Michael	:16:14.4

Pro/Am, Women (2 of 2)

1	Muhich, Lisa	:14:26.0
2	Barckek, Lynette	:14:45.8

Sport, Women (5 of 6)

1	Schroeter, Sally	:16:45.1
2	Kraphol, Kaye	:16:56.5
3	Prince, Heather	:19:44.3
4	Stachecki, Julie	:20:22.2
5	Early, Marilyn	:22:02.7

Observed Trial Results

Expert (Stock Bike) (2 of 2)

1	Noble, Ken	76
2	Fowkes, Greg	82

Sport (Stock Bike) (5 of 43)

1	Lawson, Bob	19
2	Perlick, Mark	21
3	Vandercar, David	25
4	Simcox, Eric	26
5	Smith, Mark	27

Junior (Stock Bike) (2 of 2)

1	Russel, Jeremy	54
2	Abbo, Tom	65

1988 Mtn Bike Modified

Expert (Modified Bike) (5 of 5)

1	Dermody, Kelly	9
2	Faut, Doug	47
3	Young, Dale	52
4	Pukal, Jeff	58
5	Rich, Matt	66

Sport (Modified Bike) (5 of 15)

1	Long, Robert	14
2	Marciniak III, Frank	15
3	Hoffer, Tom	19
4	Walk, Brent	21
5	Meyers, Brian	28

Pando III Race Results

PRO - 6 Laps (@ 21 Miles)

1. Ken Noble	1:22:37
2. Steve Hammett	1:25:18
3. Tom Lawrence	1:37:01
4. Dan Dubes	1:41:23
5. Timothy Carmien	1:44:49

EXPERTS - 6 Laps (@ 21 Miles)

1. Scott Diamond	1:27:40
2. Tom Smith	1:27:48
3. Joel Groendal	1:28:29
4. John Rutherford	1:28:43
5. David Buty	1:29:17
6. Larry Flowers	1:29:36
7. Chet Morris	1:31:12
8. Gregory Elderkin	1:31:25
9. Gary Stephenson	1:33:35
10. Mark Perlick	1:35:41
11. Bart Griffith	1:38:14

ADVANCED WOMEN - 3 Laps (@ 10.5 Miles)

1. Lynette Barchek	50:50
2. Sue Piersma	53:51
3. Sally Schroeter	53:51
4. Wendy German	1:01:18

NOVICE MEN - 4 Laps (@ 14 Miles)

1. Jim Potter	59:37
2. Stein Slette	1:00:29
3. Wendell Woodruff	1:01:06
4. David Zacker	1:02:10
5. George Simons, Jr.	1:02:11
6. Mike Quillman	1:02:14
7. John Stoneburner	1:02:53
8. Michael Seaman	1:02:54
9. Greg Frozley	1:02:56
10. Len Ayala	1:02:58
11. Greg Karbowski	1:03:04
12. Patrick Dueweke	1:03:05
13. Reiner Richter	1:03:06
14. Tim Boals	1:03:24
15. Joel Bunting	1:03:26
16. Bill Ward	1:03:37
17. Jeff Faber	1:03:40
18. Dave Carrier	1:03:43
19. Ricardo Camargo	1:03:46
20. Don Camp	1:03:53
21. Bill Dyhouse	1:04:01
22. Mark Smith	1:04:04
23. David Vandecar	1:04:14
24. Steven Heil	1:04:22
25. Glen Rauth	1:04:49
26. Joseph Peacock Hill	1:05:01
27. Tony Costa	1:05:38
28. Todd Davidson	1:05:55
29. Matt Jennings	1:06:21
30. Steve Pruett	1:06:27
31. Donald Hunt	1:06:52
32. Curtis Cater	1:06:58
33. Ronald Watzke	1:07:11
34. Mike Teel	1:07:20
35. Michael Clark	1:07:24
36. Craig Gietzen	1:07:32
37. Brian Colline	1:07:52
38. Rick Kaupp	1:08:25
39. Mark Blue	1:08:29
40. Andy Montgomery	1:08:45
41. Douglas Ward	1:08:49

Novice Men continued

42. Patrick Eickenroth	1:08:51
43. Eric Slaughter	1:09:05
44. John Less	1:09:46
45. Jeff Voorhis	1:10:09
46. Frank Bellisano	1:10:28
47. Shane Duncanson	1:10:39
48. Rod Foltz	1:10:48
49. Jeff Gumina	1:11:32
50. John Bouwers	1:11:42
51. John Gallagher	1:11:43
52. Craig Aquino	1:12:25
53. Don German	1:12:36
54. Kevin Kent	1:12:52
55. Steve Hammond	1:13:13
56. David Frazier	1:13:20
57. Gregory Weber	1:13:41
58. Rich Cappelletti	1:14:12
59. Matthew Sprygada	1:14:37
60. Ray Trumbull	1:14:47
61. Glenn Freeman	1:15:10
62. Paul Glynn	1:15:42
63. Matt Graves	1:16:29
64. Jim Tyler	1:17:51
65. Neal Carter	1:18:31
66. Thomas Custer	1:18:37
67. Mike Grogan	1:19:49
68. Dean Tahtinen	1:21:12
69. Frank Marcinia	1:24:38
70. Bob McLain	1:25:36
71. Harry Hawn	1:34:21
72. Keith Bowman	1:36:25
73. Thomas Johnson	1:39:16

VETS - 3 Laps (@ 10.5 Miles)

1. Reinhold Cordella	47:45
2. Mike Chard	47:54
3. Don Balkwell	51:19
4. Tom Nell	51:21
5. John C. Howe	52:48
6. Dale German	53:11
7. Eric Davidson	53:35
8. Chris Davidson	54:13
9. William Blonsky	54:29
10. Chuck LaFrond	54:50
11. Mike Motowski	55:03
12. Lenny Keen	55:14
13. Thierry Werderits	55:47
14. Mike Salava	56:27
15. John Lepke	56:43
16. Ron Zeeb	59:03
17. Steve Smigiel	59:32
18. Robert Teregan	1:03:59
19. Jeff Miller	1:09:51
20. Tim Brick	1:12:55
21. Kevin Dalp	1:13:05

MASTERS - 2 Laps (@ 7 Miles)

1. Tom Nell	32:29
2. Denny Vandecar	38:03
3. Bud Pell	39:51
4. Robert Rutherford	45:59

BEGINNER MEN - 2 Laps

1. Bill Schneider	31:03
2. Scott M. Miller	31:15
3. Art Corbin	31:18
4. Dave Hoekstra	31:19
5. Dave Dubes	31:45
6. Jeff Comiskey	31:52
7. Matt Heroux	32:07

Beginner Men continued

8. Dave Dillingham	32:36
9. Matthew Martin	32:42
10. Mark McLaren	33:40
11. Tim Johnston	34:27
12. Paul Bishop	34:31
13. David Johnston	34:37
14. James Janik	34:41
15. Gary Walworth	34:46
16. Michael Webster	34:52
17. Andy Bourn	34:58
18. Joseph Janik	35:02
19. Joel Topf	35:06
20. Dave Taormina	36:16
21. Rick Rexford	35:27
22. Doug Nelson	35:29
23. Mark Pierson	35:41
24. Warren McGervy	35:44
25. Tom Ardelean	35:56
26. Roger Pozeznik	36:10
27. Kevin Mitchell	36:16
28. Craig Stutzky	36:23
29. Clark McCall	36:25
30. Fred Boling	36:32
31. Jason Davis	36:35
32. Brian Weeldreyer	36:46
33. Mike Kelly	36:47
34. John W. Hermes	36:48
35. Kevin Hier	36:54
36. Ron Boudle	36:58
37. Brendan Brosnan	37:04
38. John Weber, Jr.	37:06
39. Pat Walston	37:14
40. Robin Hoffman	37:16
41. Rick Weiler	37:20
42. Ray Belgardt	37:38
43. Charles Rivera	37:39
44. Tom Budde	37:44
45. Tim Klifman	38:17
46. Michael Stanton	38:23
47. Don Gates	38:15
48. Dan Eyde	39:02
49. Wes Watt	39:20
50. Andrew Harder	40:05
51. Dwane Gerber	40:18
52. Craig Kincaid	40:32
53. Robert Schutter	40:37
54. Michael Robinson	40:39
55. Frank Emmerlich	40:41
56. Jon Bulteweg	40:43
57. Gary Nelson	41:13
58. Andrew Kaplanowski	41:15
59. Jeff Nell	41:25
60. Bill Kubilus	42:14
61. Pat McGovern	42:22
62. Steve Zerlant	42:27
63. Rich Rankey	42:44
64. Gary Miller	43:19
65. Mark Phillips	43:25
66. Mike McMillan	44:06
67. Eric Brockhuis	44:20
68. William West	44:31
69. Steve Kok	45:19
70. Mark Norton	45:50
71. Daniel Norton	48:21

BEGINNER WOMEN - 2 Laps

1. Lisa Leon	37:32
2. Heather Prince	40:57
3. Pamela Davidson	41:17
4. Winalee Zeeb	42:43
5. Amy Dedafoe	43:15
6. Laurie Lane	44:43
7. Janet Klepetka	45:05

(continued on page 18)



There was another close race in the Expert class. Scott Diamond took first with 1:27:40, while Tom Smith of Tom Nell Bicycles was breathing down his neck at the finish line with 1:27:48. Ken Noble, riding for Team Raleigh, and also flown in from the West Coast, rode to a first place in the Pro class with a time of 1:22:37.

In the Team Competition, there were 9 teams competing for the top spot. Tom Nell Bicycles (A-Team) won for the second time in a row, leaving the hungry sharks of Team Hammerhead, a close second, anxiously awaiting Pando IV. (Ed. note -YES! there will be a Pando IV in 1989.)

In all, the Pando Mountain Bike Challenge Series keeps getting bigger and better as the enthusiasm for mountain biking in Michigan is catching on like wildfire.

Trail Talk



BABOON BUM (bă-bōon būm) (n.) Condition associated with not properly beating a new Brooks saddle into submission before use. Also this malady has been known to occur when the victim wears the same riding

shorts three days in a row without washing them. This dread disease often strikes the neophyte through over extended seat posts (with accompanying knee pain), unpadded fashion boutique skin shorts, knickers, or tights, and seats set at a strange angle.

At this time there are three accepted cures (to my knowledge) 1. Copious amounts of analgesic ointment applied to affected areas. 2. Total abstinence for a minimum of two days. 3. Any combination of the two aforementioned cures.

The Ride Connection

If you're trying to hook up with someone to ride with, first check with your local bike shops and clubs. If you still haven't turned up any leads, write to us!

Check out some of the following groups. We think you'll be glad you did! If your group isn't listed here, we'd like to hear from you.

West Michigan Spokes Folks

North Muskegon Area. Rides usually meet Saturday afternoons or Sunday mornings at the Twin Lake Dinner in Twin Lake. Contact Gary Nelson during the day or weekends at (517) 775-4512.

(Ed. My apologies to the Spokes Folks for misspelling their name in the last issue.)

Ragged Edge Off-Road Team

Holland Area. Usually the R.E.O.R.T. leaves from the Holland Highwheeler bike shop early Sunday mornings. Contact Mike Clark at (616) 396-6084 late in the week for information about rides and Mountain Bike Polo matches!

Antoon's Bicycles

Sterling Hts. Area. Organized ride every Thursday night at 5 PM and Sundays. Call the shop for more information. (313) 247-9240

Silk City Cyclists

Belding. Most Sundays around noon the Silk City Gang meets at Dale Germans place. You can find them at 11898 Bricker Road, west off M-91 between Greenville and Belding. Always contact Dale or Wendy German at (616) 794-1594 before you come out.

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Text by: Mary Dyhouse
Photo's by: Bill Dyhouse

N.O.R.B.A NATIONALS

Sun Valley, Idaho, a trendy little resort town nestled between the mountains and desert of Idaho, is home to Clint Eastwood, Brooke Shields and this years NORBA National Finals. The race which determines the National Pro title. Vying for the title were of coarse, Ned Overend and John Tomac. The Labor Day weekend event hosts a series of races ending with the cross country final on monday. The series includes a circuit race, hill climb, time trail hill climb, dual slalom downhill, observed trials, and cross country race, all of which occur at 28,000 ft. above sea level. Altitude sickness, dizziness, fatigue, and headaches plagued our group from Michigan for the first three days of racing. Smoke from the huge forest fires in surrounding states also took it's toll on the lungs.



So how did the big boys do? Well it was John Tomac alone out front with Ned Overend pulling closer but still second at the finish.

WORLD MOUNTAIN BIKE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The World Mountain Bike Championships located at Mammoth Lakes California provided a different set of challenges. Mammoth Mountain, the site of the race, is an inactive volcano in the Sierra mountain range. The track's line choice was critical, coated with pumice, a dry, dusty, power robbing powder. The events of the 4 day schedule included the hill climb, cross country, observed trials, dual slalom and Kamikaze downhill.

One difficulty encountered during the hill climb and cross country event was the number of riders participating. Both races featured mass starts. During the 1st cross country race 600 riders were on the 5 1/2 mile coarse at once.



(Last year's winner Greg Herbolt lost out to John Tomac in the Dual Downhill Slalom.)

The courses at Sun Valley are quite different from those encountered at local Michigan races. Forget the gently rolling hills and lovely wooded single tracks. This is REAL mountain bike racing. We got a taste of how difficult the terrain was to be at the Dual Slalom Downhill. Most riders fell at some point on the course, which is used for Slalom ski races in the winter. From the top one could see about 50 yards, then it was sheer drop off. Far below lay the end, the people just ants around the finish banner. The ungroomed coarse provided spills and thrills for the fans and scraps and bruises for the riders.

The cross country course started with an unending upward climb. Packed into the 8 mile course were two long and one shorter hair raising downhill. As one rider explained it when he crested the top of one downhill, he could look out over the tree tops which stood 100-plus feet tall. The decent was a steep rutted wind through the huge pine trees stretching down for a mile. It was the most demanding coarse of the trip and only 2 of our Michigan riders finished.



(Ot Pi not only won, but Cleaned every single section at the World Championship Trials!)

The World Championships featured lots of exciting competition. Ot Pi of Spain won 1st place in the Observed Trials event. The 17 yr. old dazzled the crowd by balancing atop a log on his front tire. From this position he did a 360 spin dropping 15 feet to a perfect landing. The Hill Climb, 40 minutes of granny gear, featured Tomac and Overend gutsing it out at the top. John finished one second behind Ned.

Mountain Bike Polo. . . Or Yet Another Reason Why You Need an Extra Bike!



Dale "the Mutant" Frye squares off vs. Jeffy.

Text by: Michael Clark (or someone like him)
Photos by: Michael Clark

According to the people that know Fun Inc., a shady group of westerners who claim to have invented the sport, MB polo was the inevitable result of a bunch of hung-over mountain bikers and a croquet set.

It's now a real thing, with equipment, rules, a World Championship, a Federation, with only the lack of expert commentators keeping it from being an Olympic demonstration sport. (ed. note -we think he's kidding). So anyway, as soon as the Ragged Edge boy's heard about this, we had to know more. So we bought a set of mallets, an official rulebook, affected a phony English accent and had at it.

Many games, and several mutations of the rules later, we're convinced we've come across the next big thing. Grins are the standard feature of new players and everyone comes back for more. Two distinctly different styles of game have evolved. In Holland, we play fairly close the spirit of rules, with at least some consideration given to "right-of-way" and "no-contact" violations. However... in Grand Haven, under the watchful eye of Tim "no rules" Meyer, anarchy reigns.

(Note: The April, 1988 issue of Mountain Bike published an article on Crested Butte style Bicycle Polo that might be of interest...ed.)

Wanna play? Holland, 6 PM Mondays, Grand Haven, 5:30 PM Wednesdays. Call 396-6084 in Holland, or 846-2800 in Grand Haven for details.

By the way, the Ragged Edge Off Road Team would like to issue a challenge to the Silk City folks, Team Hammerhead, and any or all other groups out there to meet us on the polo grounds!



Well - It's supposed to be non-contact!

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Letters to the Editor

The area where I live has miles and miles of snowmobile and cross country hiking trails that offer a wide variety of terrain. The business people in the area are very receptive to cyclists. I feel a group tour in this area would make for a "way cool" time.

Please put me on your mailing list, the junk mail too. I look forward to the next couple hundred issues!

Michael Battaglia
Wellston, MI.

I am a former enduro and I.S.D.E. (motorcycles) and have ridden the Jack Pine Enduro many times. I'm now taking up mountain bike riding and racing. Could I please possibly get on your mailing list?

Ray Cosgrove
Bettendorf, Iowa

Leafing through a copy of *The Rough Rider Report*, I came across a letter from a Michigan youth that was told to write to you guys for a subscription to your magazine.

Well, I don't know if he did, but I am. Anything that has to do with mountain biking is interesting to me and if it's Michigan MTBing, even better.

May your brakes never fail.

Christopher Tassava
Hancock, MI.

Please tell Janice Kessell that it is almost impossible to find a bike to fit a short -serious woman mountain biker. All bike dealers admit it is a problem, and then they suggest a child's bike. They also say that the manufacturers plan to come out with small one's next year (they say it every year). What I try to do is to express my irritation at every dealer I go to. Hopefully they will tell the company sales reps. Also write or call the companies. It is surprisingly easy to talk to the technical representatives/engineers at the various companies. Tell them how you feel. I think it is the only way. They have to understand that there will be a market before they will go into production.

Kathy Sprawka
Chelsea, MI.

P.S. You can recognize me on the trail by the large pad on my crossbar.

(Ed. We misquoted our resident expert in the last issue; the small frame, race quality bikes that he suggested are as follows: Terry, Shogun Prairie Breaker Pro, 15-inch Fat Chance, Klien Pinnacle XCD or possibly a Cannondale. The Shogun and Terry are specifically designed for female riders. Top tube heights may vary within the same frame size due to wheel size, bottom bracket height and in some cases sloping top tubes. Ask your bike dealers for more information and shop around!)

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(John Tomac winning the Downhill Dual Slalom at Mammoth)

(Worlds ...continued from page 14)

A progression of run offs left Tomac the winner of the Dual Slalom. The Cross Country race began with John T. in the lead and Ned O. 4 minutes and several riders behind. Ned reeled him in through passing the leader John just before the last lap. That lap proved to much for John as he lost his front derailleur and was forced to kick the chain into the right gear.

Ned Overend finished first for his 2nd year in a row, with Rishi Grewal second and John Tomac in third.



(The Mongoose Traveling Freestyle Trick Show performed between events at Mammoth)



Michigan TRRials Alliance

Most of you like to hammer rolling single tracks, but when a more relaxing spin with friends and family may dictate a less demanding course, consider recreational trails that are being developed in Michigan.

Members of the TRRials Alliance, which cooperates with a national organization called the Rails-to-Trails conservancy, say that their goal is an inter-connected system of non-motorized recreational trails largely using railroad rights-of-way throughout the state.

Three segments of abandon railroad have been or are in the process of being developed as recreational trails in Michigan. One ten mile segment called the Paint Creek Trail near Lake Orion, is in operation. A 38 mile trail between Kalamazoo and South Haven (Kal-Haven trail), and a 21 mile (Hart-Montague Trail) in Oceana county are under construction.

On Sept. 24th, 1988 (while most of us were at Sleeping Bear Classic) a meeting was held to determine the possibility of building another trail on a recently abandon railway extending from South Lyon eastward towards Pontiac. It would link on the west with another segment of the right-of-way which was aquired by the Michigan Dept. of Transportation ten years ago with the intention that eventually a trail for hiking, bicycling and horseback riding might extend all the way across southern Michigan.

An update on the railroad trails will be published in our spring, 1989 issue. Meanwhile, if you would like more information, or perhaps you would like to support this nonprofit organization; write to MICHIGAN TRRAILS ALLIANCE, P.O. Box 23032, Lansing, Mi., 48909. Or call Larry Deck at (313) 971-7741.



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... More Addison Oaks Race Results (continued from page 8)

Novice Men continued

45. Kevin Kent	1:11:47.7
46. Charles Kincaid	1:12:23.8
47. Matthew Sprygado	1:12:32.4
48. William Koester	1:12:57.6
49. Michael Ridley	1:13:07.7
50. Neal Carter	1:13:08.6
51. Dale Frank	1:13:38.9
52. David Thompson	1:14:57.3
53. John Chase	1:15:45.0
54. Paul Fille	1:15:27.9

(Novice, Expert, and Pro riders dash for position as they cross open ground at the start of their race)



(Photo by Linda Lake)

EXPERTS - 4 LAPS

1. Scott Diment	1:07:11.6
2. Tim Flynn	1:09:19.0
3. Donald Fedrigo	1:10:22.4
4. Kelly Dermody	1:11:34.2
5. Tom Smith	1:12:19.6
6. Gary Stephenson	1:13:09.9
7. Brian Greene	1:13:44.7
8. Matt Daly	1:14:40.8
9. Erik Borgnes	1:15:36.6
10. Don Camp	1:15:38.0
11. Charles Powell	1:16:48.8
12. Michael Ray	1:16:58.6
13. Michael Seamen	1:17:08.0
14. John Rutherford	1:19:25.8
15. Cleaver Barnes	1:19:29.0
16. Jerry Lansky	1:20:50.9
17. Frank Carleton	1:22:29.9

PRO-AM - 5 LAPS

1. Steven Hammet	1:25:48.6
2. Dan Packman	1:28:46.7
3. Marty Minka	1:33:44.0
4. David Ostrand	1:35:32.3
5. Dan Dubes	1:38:33.0



Winners of the Observed Trials

Expert (10 Sections)

1. Kelly Dermody	20
2. Robert Long	52
3. Doug Faul	54

Beginner (8 Sections) Stock Bikes Only

1. Albert Rybak	1
2. Bill Dietlin	*5
3. Bob Lawson	**5
*22 Cleans	
**20 Cleans	

Advanced (8 Sections)

1. David Vandecar	10
2. Ron Russ	11
3. Mark McLarn	12

... More Pando III Race Results (continued from page 12)

Beginner Women continued

8. Deb Oswald	49:15
9. Sharon Watt	49:38
10. Kristi Messing	54:33
11. Kris McLain	54:41
12. Mary Dyhouse	56:00

17 & UNDER - 2 Laps (2 7 Miles)

1. Steve Rybak	30:53
2. Joseph Allen Skroch	32:02
3. Jamie Nichols	33:06
4. Paul DeZeevw	34:47
5. Chris Keeple	35:23
6. Derek Agar	36:20
7. Jason Creech	36:52
8. Paul Roose	36:53
9. Danny Motowski	37:26
10. Brandon Christensen	41:02
11. Paul Nouhan	41:14
12. Bill Cox	42:37
13. Dylon Howe	42:39
14. Rick Lewis	44:17
15. Stefan Ebaugh	44:25
16. Reid Masselink	45:29

SINGLE SPEED - 2 Laps

1. Kevin Nowak	28:32
2. Ted Ruys	32:24
3. Rick Morris	36:17



(Unidentified Haro Rider displays basic Trials survival skill)

Observed Trial Results

EXPERT

1. Dale Young	23
2. Robert Long	35
3. Kelly Dermody	38
4. Patrick Dueweke	50
5. Ken Noble	70
6. Patrick Eickenroth	78

NOVICE

(Top 10 out of 23)	
1. Frank Marciniak	12
2. Tom Smith	24
3. Denny Vandecar	26
4. Michael Seaman	27
5. Eric Simcox	29
6. Tim Flynn	30
7. David Vandecar	32
8. Mark Noblette	33
9. Jeff Faber	34
10. Dan Casey	35

BEGINNER

(Top 10 out of 29)	
1. Mark McLaren	34
2. Roger Pozeznik	37
3. Jason Creech	38
4. Matt Heroux	50
5. Andy Montgomery	51
6. Reinhold Cordella	53
7. Mike Casey	54
8. John W. Hermes	57
9. Paul Piersma	58
10. Don German	58

Calendar of Events

Races!

BITTERSWEET MOUNTAIN BIKE RACE

Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bittersweet Ski Area, Otsego, MI. Registration begins at 10:00 AM
Mass Start Race (three classes), Observed Trials, and Downhill Slalom Race.

Contact: Bittersweet Ski Area 694-2032. Alfred E. Bike 349-9423. or Kevin Stevens (Race Director) 342-1193

TRIALS ONLY!

Sunday, Nov. 6th. Ligonier, IN. (just south of Southbend) Registration at 9 AM. Three classes: Novice, Advanced, and Expert.

Contact: Brent Mullen (317) 423-4695

U.S.C.F. STATE ATB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sunday, Nov. 20. Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp. Russel Road (North of Muskegon) USCF and Non-USCF licenced Races. Five racers make a class.

Contact: Breakaway Bicycles at (519) 759-0001

WINTERFEST??? Lot's of talk so far, but no set date. Ball's in your court Silk City!

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